

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A security device for a portable carrying case, comprising:

2 a fastener comprising a first component reversibly engagable with a second component,
wherein the first component is fixed to the at least one surface of a portable carrying case and

4 the second component is fixed to a coupling structure; and

the coupling structure comprising a first portion reversibly engagable with a second
6 portion, wherein a portion of an individual's article of clothing is reversibly securable between
the first portion and the second portion of the coupling structure.

2. The security device of claim 1 wherein the first component of the fastener is a male
2 snap button.

3. The security device of claim 2 wherein the second component of the fastener is a
2 female snap button.

4. The security device of claim 1 wherein the second portion of the coupling structure
2 includes a through-hole having an inner bore.

5. The security device of claim 4 wherein an outer portion the first portion of the coupling
2 structure and the inner bore of the second portion of the coupling structure include threads.

6. The security device of claim 5 wherein the threads are flexible.

7. The security device of claim 4 wherein an outer portion the first portion includes at least one protuberance and an outer portion of the inner bore of the second portion includes a groove.

8. The security device of claim 1 further comprising a stabilizing plate at a base of the coupling structure.

9. An individualized portable carry case, comprising:
at least one surface defining a body which is capable of holding one or more items, wherein the body is sized to be held within a portion of an individual's article of clothing; and
a means for reversibly coupling the body to a portion of the individual's article of clothing.

10. The security device of claim 9 wherein the means comprises:
a fastener comprising a first component reversibly engagable with a second component, wherein the first component is fixed to the at least one surface of a portable carrying case and the second component is fixed to a coupling structure; and
the coupling structure comprising a first portion reversibly engagable with a second portion, wherein the portion of an individual's article of clothing is reversibly securable between the first portion and the second portion of the coupling structure.

11. The security device of claim 10 wherein the first component is a male snap button.

12. The security device of claim 10 wherein the second component is a female snap button.

13. The security device of claim 10 wherein the second portion of the coupling structure

includes a through-hole having an inner bore.

14. The security device of claim 13 wherein an outer portion the first portion of the

coupling structure and the inner bore of the second portion of the coupling structure include threads.

15. The security device of claim 14 wherein the threads are flexible.

16. The security device of claim 13 wherein an outer portion the first portion includes at

least one protuberance and an outer portion of the inner bore of the second portion includes a groove.

17. The security device of claim 9 further comprising a stabilizing plate at a base of the

coupling structure.

18. A method for securing a portable carrying case to an article of clothing, comprising:

providing a portable carrying case having a security device of claim 1;

removing the first portion of the coupling structure from the second portion of the
4 coupling structure;
inserting the portable carrying case within a pocket located on the article of clothing;
6 placing a portion of the pocket between the first portion of the coupling structure and
the second portion of the coupling structure; and
8 securing the first portion of the coupling structure to the second portion of the coupling
structure, wherein the portable carrying case is reversibly secured to the second portion of the
10 coupling structure.

19. A fastening device, comprising:

2 a coupling structure comprising a first portion reversibly engagable with a second
portion, wherein a portion of material is reversibly securable between the first portion and the
4 second portion of the coupling structure, and wherein the first portion of the coupling structure
is attached to a fastener;
6 the fastener comprising a first component reversibly securable to a second component,
wherein the first component is fixed to a surface of an item and the second component is
8 attached to the first portion of the coupling structure.

20. The fastening device of claim 19 wherein the material is a sheet, blanket, drape, article
2 of clothing, or other substantially planar material, and the item is a wallet, a toy, or a
decorative item.